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SUBJECT: Alcohol Production in Sugar Plants

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1. Brazil. All sugar mills in Brazil make industrial alcohol from the residual molasses. This alcohol is used primarily as a fuel to relieve as much as possible the shortage of petroleum products.

2. The January 1953 issue of Brasil Açucareiro gives some statistics on Page 69 by Professor Fonseca Costa on the capacity of the alcohol motor fuel industry in Brazil.

3. Venezuela. Many sugar mills in Venezuela make alcohol from molasses as an adjunct to their operations. Such alcohol is usually sold as rum for local beverage purposes. However, the Volmert Co, Caracas, operates the largest distillery in the country in connection with its brewery. Most of the alcohol so produced is shipped to France where it is blended for beverage purposes. Venezuela is not dependent upon alcohol for use as a motor fuel. For reasons of public policy, potable alcohol production figures are usually concealed in other statistics by the Venezuelan authorities.

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